

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the last paragraph on page 3 and the first paragraph on page 4 of the application with the following amended paragraphs:

-- Fig. 1 Figs. 1A and 1B

F2/F1-fluorescence versus cycle number plot of the real time PCR experiment disclosed in example 3.

+N/-N: with/without a Nitroindole group at the FRET donor

a) 10^8 copies, b) 10^3 copies of target DNA.

Fig. 1 Figs. 2A and 2B

1st derivative of F2/F1-fluorescence versus temperature plot showing the melting curve analysis of the experiment disclosed in example 4.

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a) 10^8 copies, b) 10^3 copies of target DNA.--